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SUBJECT: HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 2920; STATE 126855

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1. RECENT AP AND UPI STORIES HAVE REPORTED THAT
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERED
TERMINATING U.S. ASSISTANCE TO SEVERAL COUNTRIES,
INCLUDING NICARAGUA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HAITI,
AND PARAGUAY, AND WILL BE KEEPING AN EYE ON
HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES IN THOSE COUNTRIES.

2. PRESS REPORTS REFER TO JUNE 14 REPORT SUBMITTED BY REP. CLARENCE LONG, CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR MARKUP OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED PROGRAMS. REP. LONG'S REPORT, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, RECOMMENDS FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

(A) DELETION OF FUNDS FOR ALL MILITARY ASSISTANCE,

MILITARY TRAINING, AND MILITARY CREDIT SALES TO ETHIOPIA, NICARAGUA, AND URUGUAY;

(B) DELETION OF FUNDS FOR MILITARY CREDIT SALES TO ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, EL SALVADOR, AND GUATEMALA;

(C) REDUCTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE PHILIPPINES.

3. APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ALSO STATES:
"THE COMMITTEE ENTERTAINED SOME THOUGHT OF TERMINATING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO SEVERAL COUNTRIES, SPECIFICALLY ETHIOPIA AND NICARAGUA THE COMMITTEE ALSO CONSIDERED TERMINATING ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA, THAILAND, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HAITI AND PARAGUAY. THE COMMITTEE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPECTS TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S ACTIONS IN THIS ENTIRE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA WITH SPECIFIC EMPHASIS ON THE COUNTRIES MENTIONED IN THIS REPORT." REPORT ALSO EXPRESSES COMMITTEE'S "DEEP CONCERN" OVER ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN PANAMA.

4. APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE STAFF HAS BEEN UNABLE TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT PRECISELY HOW SUBCOMMITTEE DEVELOPED LIST OF 13 COUNTRIES OF SPECIAL HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERN. REP. LONG APPARENTLY DEVELOPED THE LIST BASED ON HIS OWN CONSULTATIONS WITH HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS AND PERUSALS OF HUMAN RIGHTS MATERIALS. OF THE COUNTRIES LISTED, THE DEPARTMENT WAS INVITED TO TESTIFY ONLY ON NICARAGUA AND THE PHILIPPINES.

5. WHILE THE REPORT IS GENERALLY AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF SUBJECTS DISCUSSED DURING SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT EFFORTS BY THE CHAIRMAN TO CUT OFF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ALL COUNTRIES LISTED FAILED. VANCE

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